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PEPTIDE FRAGMENTS OF MICROBIAL
STRESS PROTEINS AND
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MADE THEREOF FOR THE
TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement which includes a completed Form PTO-1449, a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2) and corresponding fee, a copy of DE 39 42 728 and a WPI abstract thereof. The reference cited in the Form PTO-1449 was cited in an official action in corresponding European Patent Application No. 95912506.

The reference, DE 39 42 728, discloses a partial sequence of 13 amino acids of a 22kD surface protein of *Borrelia*

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burgdorferi which contains a five amino acid sequence (ATVLA) which corresponds to amino acids 91-95 of hsp65 (SEQ ID NO: 1).

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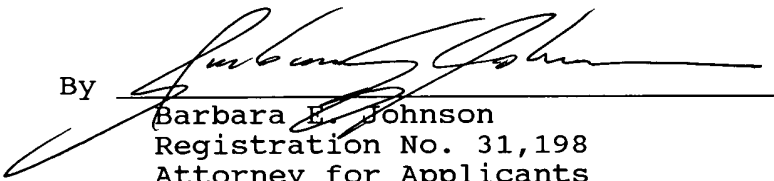
The amino acid sequence ATVLA has a probability of turning up once every 40,000 amino acids (as calculated based upon the average probability of each amino acid occurring in a given protein, see Lehninger et al., Principles of Biochemistry, second edition, p. 113, Worth Publishers, Inc. (1993), copy enclosed). Thus, it is not surprising that the 5-mer was found as part of a larger protein sequence. However, the recitation of a random sequence as part of a larger, unrelated protein (about 200 amino acids) is not a recitation of the claimed 5-30mer. Further, the random recitation of this sequence in an unrelated protein does not teach or suggest the peptides of the present invention. Therefore, Applicants do not believe that this reference is material to the patentability of the present claims.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) and (e)(1), no fee is due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

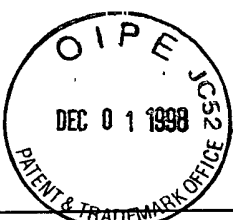
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